

JEAN ELIOT'S
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SUSAN DEAR: Two more engagements announced during the week-end and both girls will be June brides. Annie Wright Huske is to marry Gustavus George Reiniger on the fifth of June, and pretty little Clarinne Hunter will become the bride of Francis Alton Connolly on June 8.

Annie Wright Huske, as you probably remember, is the girl who was pronounced by C. de Lyon Nichols, of New York, the prettiest girl at the Southern Relief ball. On that occasion one of the papers called her a "charming visitor in Washington," which called forth a righteous protest; for, though the Huske family hails originally from the far South, they have lived in Washington for years, she has grown up here, and is thoroughly identified with the Capital.

Mr. Reiniger "blighted" from the Naval Academy a year or two ago, and a little bird has whispered in my ear that he did it a purpose, as he was too much in love to be willing to abide by the regulation then in effect that a naval officer must finish his two-year cruise before being allowed to marry. Be that as it may, it is a fact that he always had done extremely well in his studies, before, and after being "found" in navigation, he turned to and invented some sort of an instrument for simplifying the science, which has attracted considerable attention and has been the subject of experiment both on merchant vessels and navy craft.

He is now engaged in the real estate business with Annie Wright's father, Clement Wright Huske, I believe, and is doing remarkably well for a young man. The wedding will take place at "Ardmore," the Huskes' new place on the Rockville road, which joins the John Joy Edson farm on the north. They leased "Crookall" in that neck of the woods last summer and liked it so well that they decided to build—and now "Ardmore" is all ready to be the scene of a charming country wedding. The entrance is by way of the Edson lane, a fine strip of macadam road, which Mr. Edson built and presented to the country.

Clarinne Hunter is one of the "Mary Janes," the little group of debutantes of a few seasons ago, pocket editions all, who were the success of the week in the "College Hero," when it was given here for charity some two or three years ago. Poor little Mrs. Elbert Johnson, then Lucinda Pennebaker, and now a widow after two short years of married life, was one of the coterie, also her sister, Anna Elliot. Then there was Jean Bowers—I wonder where she is now—Mrs. "Billie" Taft formerly Stella Carstair; and Doris Moore, who also is to be an early summer bride.

Clarinne is a clever horsewoman, as well as a graceful dancer and a formidable opponent on the tennis court, and created a small sensation in the horse show—two years ago, I think it was—when she attempted some scandalously stiff jumps on a huge brute of a horse, who did his best to throw her and took a ribbing or two despite him. She is a graduate of Miss Somers' School, and of the Baldwin School in Bryn Mawr, and spent last winter in New York. She is a clever little person, and has, I understand, written for the magazines with no little success.

Mr. Connolly, who is the son of F. A. Connolly, of Baltimore, and whose uncle was mayor of Baltimore in 1908, is with Harriman & Co., in Washington. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia. His brother is president of the Baltimore National Bank.

The wedding will be very simple, and Ramona LeFevre will be the bride's only attendant, although Helen Haupt and Miss N. P. Putnam will come on from New York to be house guests of the Hunters for the occasion. The young people will live in Washington.

Rear Admiral and Mrs. Mason and Dorothy Mason expect to join the navy contingent at Jamestown for the summer, and Dorothy, in common with all the girls who frequent the quaint old resort, is praying for the presence of the fleet during the summer months. For Jamestown without the fleet is much in the nature of "Hamlet" with Hamlet left out.

Mrs. Burleson tells me that she expects to linger in Washington almost all summer. The Postmaster General cannot be persuaded to leave his desk, and she wants to be with him; so she plans to send the girls to their sister, Mrs. Richard Negley, in San Antonio, for a six weeks visit and to keep the house here open all summer. The girls will leave in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Hennick's dinner, with a reception and music afterward, last evening, set in motion the festivities in compliment to the Maharajah of Kapurthala and the Maharajah's French Kaur. Only the tragedy of the Lusitania prevented the fortnight of their visit in New York from being the gayest two weeks in May for many years; and, as it was, they were guests at a number of notable functions. One of the most interesting was the dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Burrill Hoffman, for probably not only the hosts but some of the guests were reminded of the altogether different environment in which they were entertained by the Maharajah and the princess four years ago.



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MISS CLARINNE HUNTER.

consideration, while genuine hospitality is the rule.

Gilbert is the name which Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Elcheberger have selected for their small new son, in compliment to Gilbert Grosvener, who is Mr. Elcheberger's closest friend. Mr. and Mrs. John Joy Edson, will take possession of their summer home, near Rockville, about the end of this month, and in August the Elchebergers, accompanied by Harry Meem, expect to take a trip to California, stopping en route in the Yellowstone Park. They will take in San Francisco, San Diego, and some of the fascinating Pacific coast resorts, returning by way of the Grand Canyon.

Aileen Code, Mrs. Reginald Nicholson's attractive niece, who spent the winter here with her aunt, was called home early in April by the illness and subsequent death of her father, James A. Code, of San Francisco. Mrs. Nicholson's brother, he had been ailing for several months, but his death was very unexpected and a great shock to his family. Admiral Nicholson took the long trip to California with his niece and has only recently returned.

I am saving up my pennies Susan, for the birthday and lawn party to be given at the Rectory of St. Thomas Church, on Thursday. The admission fee will be a birthday bag, with a penny for each year, but fortunately they don't count the pennies when the bag is taken up. Or, if you want to be still safer, you can put in a whole dollar and then there'll be absolutely no chance of giving your age away—that "you" is purely impersonal, of course, for I know you haven't reached the age when you care to hide your years; and moreover, I despair of ever persuading you to come down.

But, to return to our muttons, the party will begin at 4:30 o'clock and will continue through the evening, with dancing after 8. Mrs. Bowman H. McCalla is chairman of the committee and will be assisted by the ladies of the Rectory Aid and a number of society girls, who will serve refreshments. Scores of the little bags will be sent out, with an appropriate jingle, to such friends of the church as cannot be present, in order that they may make their small contribution to the success of the entertainment, the proceeds of which are to go toward liquidating the debt on the rectory lot. Dr. C. Ernest Smith, rector, and his daughters will help to do the honors of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Waggaman are having a small week-end party at their country place on South river, near Annapolis. Their son and daughter-in-law,

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Waggaman, are there with their house guests, Mrs. David Hawley, Jr., and Mrs. Lawrence Robbins, of Cleveland. Bobby Maverick went down, and a number of others from Washington, I think. I wish that I were there, too, for they always have such good times. They were to go to the hop at the Naval Academy last night.

Louise Fenet, who is visiting Commander and Mrs. J. O. Richardson, and Dorothy Mason went down for this hop, and there will be another dance next Saturday night, which will usher in June week, with its round of festivities.

The Floyd Waggamans will leave town about the 15th of June to visit Mrs. Waggaman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKensie, at their summer home near Cleveland. They usually go out there every summer, and last year they stayed until January, but expect to come back earlier next fall.

A special train will leave New York at 10 o'clock on the morning of the 12th of June to take the guests to "As You Like It"—isn't that a delectable name for a country place—the Easthampton home of the James Harper Pools, for Mildred Pools' marriage to Dr. Yelverton Garnett, and will return in the early afternoon. Dr. Garnett is a popular person in Washington and a warm welcome awaits his bride, but I suppose she will hardly set up housekeeping here until fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ord Preston and their children expect to leave town about the middle of June for California, there to join General and Mrs. Murray in San Francisco. Sadie Murray Pratt and her husband, Lieut. Conger Pratt, are also with the Murphys, so they will have a small family reunion.

California, by the way, is kept pretty busy these days entertaining notables of almost every kind—diplomats, social, political and artistic. The Persian minister, Mirza Ali Kuli Khan, with Madame Khan, his niece, Mahin Banou Bejat-es-Sultaneh, and his household is regularly established in San Francisco for the summer to oversee the exposition of his wonderful collection of Persian art treasures. Miss Esther Cleveland, daughter of the late President Cleveland, recently has completed a fortnight's visit to the exposition; Mrs. Whitelaw Reid is in San Francisco, also Mr. and Mrs. Emilio de Gorgona (Emma James), and the Countess Alexandre Dumas, who was in Washington during the early winter and succeeded in raising a large fund for the wounded French soldiers. Her husband, by the way, is a grandson of the great Dumas.

Powell Minner, who made the trip to the coast to be a member of the international jury of awards for the Panama-Pacific exposition, is expected to rejoin his family in Washington about the middle of June; and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bartlett are also on a visit to California. Mr. Bartlett being one of the judges for the directors of the exposition in matters pertaining to art.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Joerissen will do little entertaining for Governor Willis, of Ohio, and Mrs. Willis, who are to arrive the last of the week to be their guests, because their visitors both desire a rest. Mrs. Joerissen is planning a luncheon for Mrs. Willis. Mr. Joerissen will probably invite a number of men to meet the governor; and, of course, everybody is deeply interested in his Memorial Day speech, a Presidential possibility being something of a lion even in the town which lays claim to the only President of the United States in captivity.

The members of the Aztec Club of 1847 called in a body yesterday upon General Horatio Gates Gibson to congratulate him upon the eighty-eighth anniversary of his birth. General Gibson is one of the seven living charter members of the Aztec Club having served as an officer in the Mexican war, and is the eldest living graduate of West Point. With General Gibson lives his daughter.

ter, Mrs. K. G. White, and her daughter, Katherine White, who, although never formally presented to society, really belongs to the ranks of last season's debutantes, and the prettiest ones, at that. Her brother, Walker White, is a cadet at the Military Academy.

Elizabeth Reeside is to sing at Keith's the last week they are open, from June 7 to June 14, and everybody is looking forward to the chance to hear her. She will do a little group of songs, and will also dance, I am told.

Mrs. Hughes Oliphant is making arrangements for transportation for those who wish to accept the invitation of the National Society of Colonial Dames in the State of Virginia to attend the unveiling of a memorial at Braddock Station, near Alexandria, next Wednesday, and is most anxious that all who wish to join the party should notify her at the Ontario before Tuesday morning. A car will leave at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon over the Washington and Alexandria electric road, and will reach Braddock in time for the unveiling.

Next day, at Fort Loudoun, Winchester, Va., there will be another memorial unveiling, and many Washington dames are preparing to attend. The party will leave town over the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at 10 o'clock, and requests for reservations should be sent to Miss Catherine Glass, Winchester, Va.

Bachelors will be scarce than hen's teeth about town this week, for most of the attractive army and navy beaux, and some of the married officers as well, have been detailed as aids to assist in the entertainment of the delegates to the Pan-American Financial Congress. For Charles A. Hedekin, Capt. Charles Haight, Captain Emerson, Lieut. Phil Sheridan, Paul Reinecke, Lieut. Paul Paul, Lieut. William H. Lee, Paul D. Carlsale, and "Jimmie" James are those selected from the army ranks, while the navy quota includes Lieut. Commander Steele, W. W. Galbraith, Lieut. Commander John P. Jackson, Rufus King, Lieut. Alston Simpson, Lieut. Ford Todd, Stephen Rowan, Paul Bastedo, "Johnnie" Isaman, and Lieut. William H. Lee.

Of course, with so many distinguished visitors in town, the week will be gay, function succeeding function in rapid succession. The reception at the Pan-American Union building, to be given tomorrow evening by the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Treasury, will set the ball rolling.

Dividing interests with the Pan-American Financial Congress will be the visit of the Chinese commercial delegates, who will arrive in town on Wednesday, and who will be constantly entertained. They will lunch with the Secretary of Commerce on the day of their arrival and that same afternoon, will be given of honor at a garden party to be given by the Secretary of State and Mrs. Bryan. On Thursday they will visit points of interest about the city, and the Board of Trade will give a luncheon in their honor, taking them afterward for a motor trip. That evening there will be a reception at the Chinese Legation and on Friday they will visit Mount Vernon, to place a wreath upon Washington's grave. They will leave town at midnight, Friday, and before their departure will be the guests at a banquet to be given by the Southern Commercial Congress.

The woman's board of the San Francisco Exposition, after mature deliberation, and by some process of reasoning and elimination which ought to prove an interesting psychological study, has determined that there are three really "great women" in the world, and has recently made known their names. They are Miss Jane Addams, of Chicago; Mrs. Zella Nuttall, of California, and Miss Katherine Bement Davis, of New York. In this carefully selected group of three world-famous women, the United States seems to be fairly well represented. The name least familiar is probably Mrs. Nuttall, which is doubtless due to the fact that she has lived many years in Mexico, where she has conducted important archaeological investigations.

Madame Curie, of Paris, France, will no doubt be interested and edified to peruse this list of the three greatest women of the world.

Mrs. Robert McCormick is improving the ground about her Massachusetts ave-

nue mansion, just over the big hill, at a great rate. The lawn in front has been sodded, concrete walks and a driveway laid out, and the back she is closing by a high concrete wall. This is guaranteed not only to prevent passersby from looking in and to keep intruders out, but should prove strangely inhospitable to cats, for the top is ridged with fierce upstanding spikes of broken glass bottles, imbedded in the concrete, as they tell me, walls are treated in Spain.

When I see the gardeners upon their knees on the lawns of the Edson Bradleys, the Boardman house or other mansions about Dupont Circle, eternally grubbing for dandelions and plantains, or sweeping up the continually falling leaves, I am reminded of the plaintive query:

"If seven maids with seven mops should sweep for half a year,
Do you suppose," the wailus said, "that they could get it clear?"
"I doubt it," said the carpenter, and shed a bitter tear.

Nevertheless, they do exceedingly well in the matter of keeping the places tidy, and the turf these days is a tender green, soft as velvet. The little garden at the rear of the Boardman house is particularly lovely, with its square of lawn, set about with a row of spreading trees and a well kept privet hedge.

Following the line of the hedge, just inside a flower bed, where purple iris is succeeding a flame of scarlet tulips. Here and there on the bit of lawn are planted graceful flowering shrubs; in the center is a small drinking fountain for the feathered songsters, with little white marble birds perched about the rim, and one end is shaded by a striped marquee, under which are grouped wicker chairs, tea tables, and

all such pleasant paraphernalia. Finally, though, the garden is quite deserted, and serves only to gladden the passerby.

The simple strip of green which faces the side of Mrs. Patterson's house, is apt to be a gayer spot, for there Countess Glazyska's cunning little daughter sets up her household goods on pleasant days. And just around the edge of Dupont circle, Mrs. Archibald Hopkins has her front garden filled with old-fashioned blossoms. She has a strip of pansies, bordering the walk, that is her especial pride, and many a friend is favored at this season with a quaint little nosegay of heartsease gathered by her own fingers.

Still, I lament the gravel walk which has cut the smooth greenness of the circle into geometrical segments, but the four great sandpiles, inclosed by a stone coping, which have recently been set up for the benefit of the kiddies, have been welcomed with equal joy.

Pennies should pour in to the coffers of the Junior League of the National Junior Republic, for the moonlight sail on the steamer Charles Macalester—it is chartered for the occasion bien entendu—which is scheduled for Saturday evening, May 29, promises to be very popular.

The steamer will leave the Seventh street wharf at 6:30 o'clock and proceed down the river for some forty miles or so. There will be dancing aboard, and all sort of jollifications; and if you haven't forgotten the river parties we used to have a few years ago, you can guess that your friend, Jean, will be there with bells on.

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